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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

W.P. (S) No. 3981 of 2005

Petitioner		Bal Ram Bhagat, Son of Shri Moti Ram Bhagat, Age 40 years, Assistant Teacher, Posted at Primary School Karumahua, Block Patthalgaon, District Jashpur (Chhattisgarh)
	Versus	
Respondents	1.	State of Chhattisgarh, Through Secretary, School Education Department, Mantralaya, D. K. S. Bhawan, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
	2.	Director, Public Instructions, Pension Bada, Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
	3.	District Education Officer, District Jashpur (Chhattisgarh)

SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K. Agnihotri, J

Shri Ramakant Mishra, Advocate for the petitioner.
Shri Sushil Dubey, Govt. Advocate for the respondents/State.

ORDER

(Passed on this 16th day of March, 2007)

The following order of the Court is passed by **Satish K. Agnihotri, J.**

1. The petitioner while working as Assistant Teacher at Primary School, Karumahua, Block – Patthalgaon, District- Jashpur was transferred to Middle School, Semipali, Block – Dharmjaigarh, on the same terms and conditions, vide impugned order dated 29.9.2001 (Annexure A/1).
2. The Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal at Raipur vide interim order dated 23.10.2001 directed to maintain status quo in regard to the position of the petitioner as was prevailing on 8.10.2001. By virtue of the interim order the petitioner is continuing at the original place of posting.
3. Be that as it may, with the passage of time this petition has become infructuous as period of transfer is not applicable forever. At this point of time there is no question to examine the validity of the transfer order. However, the respondents are at liberty to pass appropriate

orders keeping in view the public interest and administrative exigency, without insisting on compliance of the impugned transfer order.

4. It is well settled principle of law that transfer is an incident of service and it is for the employer to decide as to where a particular officer/employee be posted, keeping in view public interest as well as administrative exigency. This Court has limited jurisdiction to interfere with the transfer matter and this Court can entertain judicial review only in the case of proved malafide, non-competence of authority passing the transfer order and transfer order not being in conformity with the rules and regulations.

5. In view of the above, this petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

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